GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Visakhapatnam – Special Projects - Development of Natural History Park and Museum Research Institute at Visakhapatnam – A Joint Venture Project of AP NHPM Trust and VMRDA with a total cost of Rs.88.00 crores (Rs.38.00 crores from GoI and Rs.50.00 crores from VMRDA funds) – Permission to take up the project - Administrative Sanction for Rs.50.00 crores – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (M) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 766 **Dated: 26-12-2019**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.18, Planning (III) Dept., dated: 13.08.2014.
2. From the MC, VMRDA, Lr.Rc.No.VMRDA-12030(34)/56/2019-ENGSEC-VMRDA, Dt:09.12.2019

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Government have issued orders for establishment of Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) in Visakhapatnam (District) on Private-Public-Partnership mode as per the guidelines of the Government of India and appointed Forest Department as Nodal Department to initiate the process of acquiring land at Visakhapatnam.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority has informed that, the Member Secretary, the Andhra Pradesh Natural History parks and museums trust, has approached the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA and appraised on establishing Natural History parks and Museum (NHPM) with a research institute at Visakhapatnam and also requested to take up the project jointly i.e., NHPM and VMRDA. The vision for development of this project is to create Natural History Park and Museum with Research Institute as an educational arena for Children and adults to acquaint themselves with the mysteries of our planet and its biodiversity.

3. The Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority has further informed that, in support of this project, an extent of Ac.15.00 cts of land was allocated at S.no.404/2, 414/2 of Kapuluppada (V), Bheemunipatnam (M), Visakhapatnam. An amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs towards financial support for preparation of DPR was released to Natural History parks and Museum (NHPM) by the MoES, GoI. The total cost for the said project is estimated at Rs.88.00
crores (excluding cost of land) out of which Rs.50.00 crores will be met from VMRDA

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funds and the Government of India will provide Rs.38.00 crores (for 5 years) and finally requested the Government to accord administrative sanction for taking up the project jointly with NHPM.

4. In the circumstances reported by the Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Visakhapatnam and after careful examination of the matter, Government, hereby accord administrative sanction to the MC, VMRDA for an amount of Rs.50.00 crores (Rupees Fifty crores only) to be met from VMRDA funds for the above said project, i.e., Development of Natural History Park and Museum Research Institute at Visakhapatnam.

5. The Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority is permitted to execute MoU with AP NHPM to jointly execute the project. Further, he is also permitted to appoint a Consultant and to prepare DPR as per the guidelines of MoES, GoI.

6. The District Collector, Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter in handing over the land to VMRDA, Visakhapatnam.

7. The Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority shall take further necessary action accordingly and complete the work on priority basis and submit a compliance report to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.SYAMALA RAO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Metropolitan Commissioner,
Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Visakhapatnam
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam

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The PS/OSD to Hon'ble Chief Minister
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